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**THE** Celebration of the Philippine Independence Day in Aruba took place yesterday at the Wilhelmina Park where the Philippine Community and the Aruban Government officials gathered to celebrate the 13th year that the Filipinos are celebrating their National Day on an official manner, since they first raised their flag on the Island. The Government of Aruba has officially recognized this date as the Philippine National Day. The Filipinos are celebrating their 177 years of Independence throughout the whole world.

For the Aruban Government were present the President of Parliament, Drs. Marisol Lopez Tromp and various other members of the Parliament. Minister Mike de Meza represented Cabinet Mike Eman and he appeared in typical Philippine costume.

The formal ceremony started in the morning where the Honorary Council of the Philippines in Aruba, Mrs. Amy Henirquez Mendez, presented an emotional speech where she conveyed her gratitude to the people of Aruba for receiving so much Filipinos wholeheartedly. She elaborated on the fight that the Philippine Community endured to achieve its independence. The men and women who had laid the foundation to make a strong country have been remembered. Therefore she appealed to the Filipinos living in Aruba to unite as one so that the next generation can know for sure about the fight for the freedom that they now enjoy.

The Filipinos are a very important community for Aruba

and most of them work in the hotel sector showing their abilities of service just like the Arubans.

The President of Parliament, Drs. Marisol Lopez-Tromp expressed that she is very proud to be there and direct a speech on behalf of the Government and the community of Aruba. She also reviewed the history of the fight that the Filipinos endured to achieve their flag, which symbolizes the people of Philippine: Peace, Truth and Justice. The 8 sunrays represent the 8 Filipinos that began the revolution in their country to obtain their independence. It is because of their courage that today the Philippine is an independent nation.

She also complemented the Filipino Community saying that they are big part of the development of the hotel sector. They are known as very creative people in music and arts. And they can easily adapt themselves to different people, culture and situations. They are hard working people.

Minister de Meza has also directed some words to the Filipino Community saying that the Filipinos are a very united community. We can consider these people who came here and planted their roots here as the New Arubans who were able to integrate in the Aruban Community. The Filipinos contribute actively in the Aruban Economy. They lift up tourism on the island and we are very proud of them and also proud to celebrate their culture with them.





## Aruba Boot Camp

# GOOD INTENTION, but WRONG EXECUTION

EARLY Thursday morning, Polis met with personnel from various Government departments at the Polis Station in San Nicolas to escort them to the Aruba Boot Camp situated at Bonaire Club at San Nicolas where a control/raid took place. The departments that took action were: the Guardianship Council, Department of Hygienic Service, Department of Public Health and the Firefighter Department.

The Boot Camp Aruba is a new organization to help children between the ages of 10 to 18 years who have behavioral problems at home, school or on the streets. They teach children discipline, norms, values and respect. The children enter the camp voluntarily and with the consent of their parents. The duration of the program is for one year. They receive homework assistance by two ex-school teachers and also psychological help. As part of their discipline, they receive drilling based on the marine formation.

The Boot Camp Aruba has been in the news in the last days; after some minors decided to walk away from the center last week, the authorities decided to act immediately.

Upon their arrival early Thursday morning at the Boot Camp, the authorities found the children sleeping on beach chairs. They woke them up and the Guardianship Council took them over. They were taken to the Red Cross facilities where their parents were called to pick them up.

After the inspection of the place, the authorities of the different Government Departments decided to shut down the Boot

Camp because the place was not apt for a program where the formation of the youth supposedly was a priority. The building is old and in dangerous condition. It did not have the proper equipment to prevent fire. Several doors were locked, which can be a danger during any calamity. The hygienic condition was also very bad. On the stove they found chicken in a pan with flies all over it, the freezer was not working and had spoiled meat in it with a strong odor. The Hygienic Department noted that the people in charge of this Camp had no knowledge of cooking either.

At the end, they spoke to Gilbert Webb, the Director of Boot Camp Aruba; a young man of 19 years. He did not want to talk much on the case. He kept referring to his lawyer, Mr. John Zara, because he is willing to go to court with a case. The intentions of this young man were good. He wanted to help young people to stay out of trouble by giving them a formation he thought was adequate. Even though his intentions were good, the way of execution was not according to safety procedures or a professional based foundation.

The Polis Force urges parents' to be conscious on where they send their kids. In this case, they put their trust in an organization that till now it is uncertain whether or not this type of organization is an adequate institution to help kids with such big problems which includes addiction. Parents should be aware that it is their first responsibility to educate their children. It is a big risk to put them in the hands of others.







# Aruba has the BEST **BEACHES** in the Caribbean



A professional photographer, Juan Salvarredy was invited to Aruba to take pictures of the most beautiful beaches in Aruba. He then proceeded to upload all his pictures on the biggest Image Bank of the world to see if there would be countries that will use these images for their own use.

Incredibly, some countries did use these images. Curacao, Trinidad, The Cayman Islands, Bahamas, British Virgin Island and even Miami are some of the countries that used the images for their own tourism promotions, while these are beaches in Aruba.

This photographer published a video presentation of websites of these countries promoting their beaches and then asked what the beaches have in common. He then proved that all their promotions of their respective beaches are all beautiful beaches of Aruba.

The images of the beaches of Aruba were used as promotion to travel to Curacao, promotion for hotels in Trinidad, promotion for real-estate in Miami, promotion for a car rental in Cayman Island. There were more than 12 different countries that used the images of the Aruban beaches for their promotional endeavors.

With this it is now definitely proven that Aruba has the most beautiful beaches of the world. It is also proven that the biggest competitors of Aruba think the same.

"Thank you all for choosing Aruba and we hope to see you soon in Aruba".





University of Aruba

# INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

THE Faculty of Arts and Science of the University of Aruba invites you to a seminar entitled: International Migration.

International migration is interactively shaping and being shaped by politics, economics, and social relations around the world. The politics of the state in relation to nationality, race, ethnicity, and citizenship are at the heart of the debate on international migration and immigration. This seminar will focus and examine the politics of international migration from a historical and comparative perspective.

We will analyze why people migrate, the ways in which states and citizens initiate and respond to migration, and how states deal with and adapt to migration on the domestic and international levels. The seminar includes: analysis of migration of the last few decades; examination of the historical relationship between immigration, citizenship, and nationality using the examples of the US, the Netherlands (post-colonial citizenship of Dutch Caribbean immigrants), France, Germany, Japan (Latin American Nikkeijin migrants), and Korea.

This seminar is part of the ongoing discussion following the Happy Community Conference that was held in 2011 and its subsequent activity the Seminar Culturalization of Citizenship that was organized in 2012. These seminars have as aim to cultivate a better understanding, inclusion and participation of diverse population in the community.

Facilitator: Dr. Michael Sharpe is assistant professor of behavioral sciences (political science) at York College, City University New York (CUNY).

Date: June 17 and 18, 2015

Time: 2.30pm -6.00pm

Place: Aula, University of Aruba, J.E. Irausquinplein 4

Fee: Afl. 250.00

Language: English

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SINCE 1942, the American Women's Club (AWC) has upheld American traditions and values and provides philanthropic services to their adopted community of Curaçao. This year, the AWC is proud to recognize and provide financial support to several of the charitable organizations that make a real difference in Curaçao every day.

The organizations recognized by AWC encourage arts and education, provide shelter for animals, support people with autism, provide safe places for children, promote public health, preserve the flora and fauna of Curaçao, and provide services to those most in need. Through the commitment and hard work of its members and the generosity of their sponsors, the AWC has once again been able to "give back" in a small way to the island.

On the morning of June 12, representatives of these charities met with AWC members at the United States Consulate General to receive their donations and make brief presentations about their organizations. U.S. Consul General James Moore hosted the memorable gathering at the Roosevelt House.

This year, the donations went to the following deserving organizations:

- Autism Association • Stichting Casa Cuna Villa Maria • Casa Manita • Curaçao Animal Rights Foundation (CARF) • Stichting Dierenbescherming SDBC (Animal Shelter) • Stichting Dierenhulp Curaçao • Patientenvereniging Prinses Wilhelminafonds • Shimaruku • Siloam • St. Vincent de Paul • Totolika

## American Women's Club supports charitable organizations





# Youth Competition of the 'Gang Di Arte' 2015

THE Cultural Department of Aruba is very happy to announce that the Youth Competition 'Gang Di Arte' (GDA) 2015 is in full preparation and development in its 9th edition. It seems like this project will be a total success considering the interest and effort that the youth has put into it making it more creative each year. The quality of the GDA is growing and the participants are showing more enthusiasm which reflects on their potential and talents.

The Cultural Department of Aruba continues to uplift this competition to a higher level, by providing the winners with prizes that are suitable for their specialization. The winners will also represent GDA at different activities throughout the whole year, focusing on their artistic development both locally and internationally.

GDA is a competition directed to young people between 13 and 21 years old who are talented, creative and are active with visual art, video, photography, art of speech, dance, creative sports, DJ, literature, fashion, multimedia, music, theatre and any other talent they may have.

These young people are determined to be strongly prepared so they can show Aruba their own potentials and their power of creation on a professional stage.

The GDA introduces each year a theme for the project. This year's official theme is "Fiesta" (Party). The youth are to develop their talents to reflect on the theme in their interpretation of their artistic shows, which should be completely unique and original.

Each year, a program of preparation is offered to the participants to help and guide them to be better prepared and present an unforgettable show to the public. The GDA project consists of two weeks of intense workshops and will start from July 13th until July 24th. In the first week they will start off the program with the workshop 'Dream Dare Do' (DDD) which is organized by the Popcorn Club and the GDA.

The preparations consist of topics of interests on different techniques of preparation, improvisation, and collaboration in groups, integration, physical development and creativity.

In the second week, the participants will receive tips and guidance on their final presentation. The workshops will take place at the Academy

of Fine Arts & Design (Rietveld Academy). The final night will be at the Cas Di Cultura on the 28th of July where they will present a wonderful show.

All young people that are interested in showing off their talents in the GDA 2015 Competition are encouraged to participate actively in this majestic event. They can register from now until July 5th. Participation in this project is completely free.

For more information on this project please contact the general coordinator, Mr. Jhon Freddy Montoy at Cel: 565-6903 or at The Department of Culture of Aruba at phone 582-2185. You can also request for the form at email teatroaruba@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook page Gang Di Arte Aruba.

Do you think you have talent? Become a member of the GDA now and show with passion your talent and creativity!





# New World Festival & ACADEMY

Free Concerts at 'Cas di Cultura'



**UNDER** the direction of the famous Venezuelan/Swiss violinist, Simon Gollo, New World Festival & Academy (NMFA) continues with the free concert at 'Cas di Cultura'.

Tonight, Saturday 13th of June the great Aruban pianist Armand Simon together with Jihye Chang the Korean Pianist form a duet. Jihye Chang, amazed the public at the inaugural concert. The program consists of 3 parts piano duets:

1. Franz Schubert – Fantasia in F minor, D. 940 (Op. Posth. 103) (1828);
2. Antonin Dvorak – Slavonic Dances Op. 46 B.78 (1878)
3. Antonin Dvorak – Slavonic Dances Op. 72 B.145 (1886)

Sunday, 14th of June, five masters of music from five different countries will show their musical talents: Benjamin Sung, Taiwan; Simon Gollo, Switzerland/Venezuela, Violin; Richard Young, USA, Viola; Marcio Carneiro, Brazil and German Marciano, Venezuela, Cello; Paco Varoch, Spain, Flute/Piccolo.



## ADVICES for the happy TRAVELLER

**WE** are approaching the school holidays and many people already have their vacation planned. Regardless of the type of vacation whether recreation, business or for medical reasons. As a tourist to any foreign country, it is very important for you as a traveler to be well informed on the different aspects of the country you are visiting and how to protect yourself from these aspects such as the climate, altitude, hygiene, the quality of the water, the diseases the country is known for, etc.

Travelers will many times confront problems of health after eating contaminated food during their vacation. This can result in vomiting, diarrhea, stomach aches and fever. This is the reason why the Public Health Department advises travelers to constantly wash their hands, eat food that is cooked at the moment of ordering, drink bottled water, wash fruits with bottled water or preferably eat fruits that you peel yourself.

Another danger for the traveler is the insects

that transmit diseases. There are different insects that carry viruses or bacteria that can make people sick. To prevent getting infected with diseases like the Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika or others, DESPA advises to wear long pants, long sleeve shirts or blouses and use an insect repellent.

Plan your vacation one or two months in advance. If you suffer of a chronic disease, consult your doctor before you travel. If you use medicine, take extra with you. Find out if the country that you are visiting demands for you to take certain vaccines.

For your own security and that of your family, do not forget to get travel insurance. Vacations are always nice and to keep it so we must take measures of precaution. For more information, please contact the Department of Contagious Diseases at the Department of Public Health.

Have a nice vacation.



Swimming Selection Aruba

## Ready to **WIN GOLD** in the **CCCAN** championship in Barbados

A FEW months ago has the Swimming Team of Aruba done a tremendous job in both the CARIFTA Championship as the CONSANAT Championship. Now another challenged immersed for the Aruban Team. Barbados is the country that has been chosen to organize CCCAN Championship, which is the biggest swimming championship of Central America and the Caribbean.

The swimming selection of Aruba will also form part in this competition where for the last 7 years Aruba stood out in the best 5 countries in the Caribbean.

This competition will be from June 21st to June

28th. The swimmers of Aruba will compete in three categories. The team consists of 11 athletes.

Category 13-14: They are Keeley Maduro, Anahi Schreuders, Florence Kock, Elisabeth Timmer and Daniel Jacobs.

Category 15-17: Andrea van den Berg, Rebecca Maduro, Mikel Schreuders, Patrick Groters and Joseph Winterdal.

Category 18 and over: Jemal Le Grand.

Many thanks go to Lotto, the Aruba's Lotery and the Subsidy Commission who financed the travel expenses of the Aruba Swimming Selection for the CCCAN 2015 Championship.



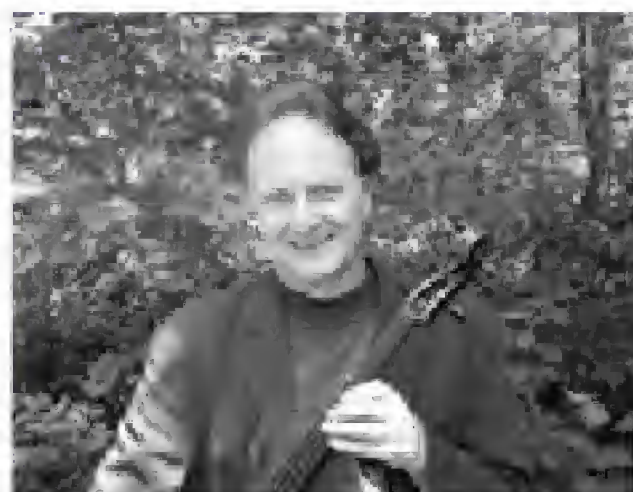
# GALA CONCERT

## Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy – ARUBA 2015

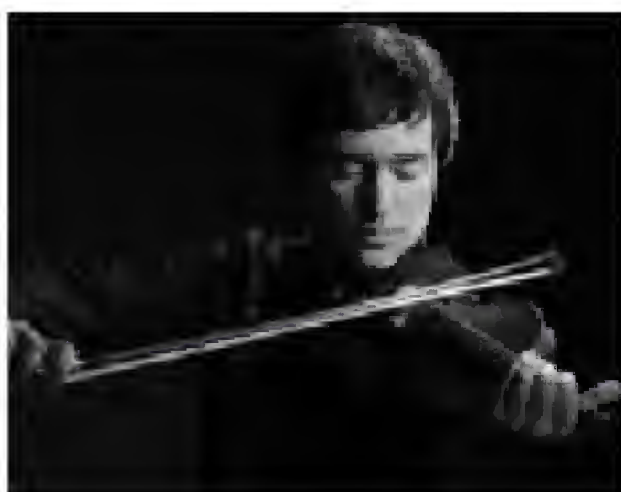
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Oranjestad, Aruba

The Nuevo Mundo Festival & Academy Chamber Orchestra will perform featuring award winning artists from Europe, the United States and South America.



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Viola



Dmitri Berlinsky,  
Violin



Jean Christophe Dobrzelewski,  
Trumpet



Jorge Montilla,  
Clarinet

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# POLAR BEARS develop taste for DOLPHINS as Arctic warms



**NORWEGIAN** scientists have seen polar bears eating dolphins in the Arctic for the first time ever and blame global warming for the bears expanding their diet. Norwegian scientists have seen polar bears eating dolphins in the Arctic for the first time ever and blame global warming for the bears expanding their diet.

Polar bears feed mainly on seals but Jon Aars at the Norwegian Polar Institute has photographed dolphins being devoured by a bear and published his findings in the latest edition of *Polar Research* this month.

"It is likely that new species are appearing in the diet of polar bears due to climate change because new species are finding their way north," he told AFP. The first incident he documented was in Apr 2014 when his team came across a polar feeding on the carcasses

of two white-beaked dolphins. Although dolphins are regularly seen in the Norwegian Arctic in the summer months when the ice has melted, they have never been observed during winter or spring when the sea is usually still covered in sheets of ice.

But Norwegian scientists have reported a strong retreat of ice and two nearly ice-free winters in recent years which they said could have attracted the dolphins further north, where they probably became trapped by the sudden arrival of dense ice blown into a fjord by strong northerly winds.

Aars said the bear he photographed had probably caught the two dolphins when they surfaced to breathe through a tiny hole in the ice. "Even if they saw the bear, the dolphins did not necessarily have any other choice," he said.

## SAVED ONE FOR LATER

In the photos a visibly skinny old male bear devours one of the dolphins and appeared to have stored a second one under snow for later, something which scientist had never seen before.

"We think that he tried to cover the dolphin in snow in the hope that other bears, foxes or birds would have less of a chance of finding it. Maybe to be able to eat it a day or two later, once he had digested the first one," said Aars.

After the first incident in 2014, a further five cases of dolphins stranded

or captured and then eaten by bears have been reported. "I don't think that this signifies a great upheaval" in the diet of the carnivores, said Aars. "It's just that the polar bear is coming into contact with species they have not been used to meeting until now."

Sitting at the top of the Arctic food chain, polar bears are opportunistic predators that are also known to feed on small whales if the opportunity arises.



## Fukushima Nuclear Disaster: **Japan to Allow Thousands to RETURN HOME**

**JAPAN** will allow tens of thousands forced to flee their homes by the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster to return home within two years, the government announced on Friday.

The government will lift evacuation orders for some 56,500 residents of two zones near the crippled plant after March, 2017, according to a statement on the Ministry of Economy and Industry's website. No date was set for the remaining 33,100 who lived in towns adjacent to Fukushima and areas northwest of the facility that were harder hit by radiation leaks.

Officials also promised to accelerate infrastructure reconstruction in affected areas. The government also approved plans by the plant operator to delay the removal of dangerous spent uranium fuel rods at the power station, the latest setback in Tokyo Electric Power Company's struggle to contain the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl in 1986.

Tens of thousands of Fukushima residents remain in temporary housing more than four years after the disaster, triggered by a massive earthquake and tsunami that struck eastern Japan in March 2011.

Some areas near Fukushima have already been reopened but many former residents have been reluctant to return to their old homes because of a lack of facilities and widespread distrust of government claims that the areas are safe.



## **Dozens of NEW Ebola cases reported in West Africa**

**IT** seemed like the number of people contracting Ebola in West Africa was on the decline. But now, officials say that trend has stalled, with dozens of new cases of the deadly virus reported so far this month.

Last week, there were 31 new cases of Ebola reported in a growing geographic area in Guinea and Sierra Leone, the World Health Organization said. At the beginning of this week, 14 additional cases were

reported. The latest figures mark the second straight week that the number of Ebola cases in West Africa has increased, officials said. Investigators are working to trace how the latest cases of the disease were contracted, the WHO said. "The outbreak is not over and the response efforts must be sustained until we get to zero cases throughout the region and are able to stay at zero for several months,"

the U.N. Mission for Ebola Emergency Response said Thursday.

Last month, officials from the WHO declared Liberia free of the disease. But even as they trumpeted the news, officials warned that outbreaks in Guinea and Sierra Leone ran the risk of bringing the virus back to Liberia, where more than 4,000 people died after contracting Ebola.





# Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz feared going blind,

visited many doctors

**BEFORE** he plunged a plane into the French Alps, Germanwings Flight 9525 co-pilot Andreas Lubitz feared he was going blind and went to see dozens of doctors, a French prosecutor said. In the month leading up to the crash, Lubitz consulted doctors seven times, including one visit to a generalist, three visits to a psychiatrist and three visits to a nose, ear and throat specialist, Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin told reporters.

The statements by the prosecutor provide new details about the medical and psychological problems that investigators have long suggested were likely Lubitz's motive for crashing the commercial jet.

Lubitz, 27, told one of his doctors that he had consulted numerous eye doctors and numerous neurologists, Robin said. And during the five years leading up to the crash, he consulted a total of 41 physicians, Robin said.

Lubitz, according to the prosecutor, feared he was losing his sight and suffered from severe depression involving "psychosis accompanied by vision problems". He indicated to those who were close to him that "life no longer had any meaning considering the loss of his eyesight," Robin said.

And he had complained to doctors that he saw only "30 to 35 percent of objects in dark," saw

light flashes and couldn't sleep because of his vision problems, according to the prosecutor.

In March, a European government official who'd been briefed on the investigation stated that after Lubitz complained about vision problems, an eye doctor diagnosed him with a psychosomatic disorder and gave him an "unfit for work" note.

German police searching Lubitz's apartment after the crash found prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Robin said he has ordered toxicology tests on the co-pilot's remains and is still awaiting results.

Robin announced Thursday that France is opening a criminal inquiry into the March 24 crash, which killed all 150 people aboard the plane. That opens up the possibility that others could face prosecution, even though investigators believe it was Lubitz who deliberately took down the plane.

Key questions remain unanswered: How much did the airline know about Lubitz's health issues, how much should they have known and was there any way the crash could have been prevented?

A Germanwings spokesman said that the airline can't comment on the prosecutor's findings, as Lubitz's medical details are "subject to medical confidentiality."

## 15-Year-Old Intern **Discovers** **NEW PLANET**



**INTERNSHIPS** are important. They provide you with a glimpse into the real world, valuable work experience and, if you're lucky, eventual employment. And if you're really, really lucky — and eagle-eyed, like Tom Wagg — you get the credit for discovering a planet previously unknown to astronomy.

Believe it or not, a 15-year-old boy did just that, according to Keele University in England, UK. While undertaking work experience at the university, Tom Wagg noticed a tiny dip in the light of a star as a planet passed in front of it -- that planet had supposedly not been on anyone's radar until then.

The university said it has since taken two years of further observation to verify that his finding was really a planet. "I'm hugely excited to have found a new planet, and I'm very impressed that we can find them so far away," said Wagg, now 17.

Invisible to the naked eye and 1,000 light years away, the planet is the same size as Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system, but orbits its star in only two days. It is called WASP-142b, as it is the 142nd planet to have been discovered by the WASP system, but Wagg is reportedly looking forward to sending in his suggestion for a name when the time comes.





# Malaysia to **FREE** **BRITISH TOURIST** over naked mountain photos

**ELEANOR** Hawkins, two Canadians and a Dutchman to be released after pleading guilty to committing obscene acts and having already served sentences. The British gap-year tourist Eleanor Hawkins is being released from custody in Malaysia after pleading guilty to committing obscene acts in public when she and nine others stripped for a dare on Mount Kinabalu.

A judge at a court in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah state, sentenced Hawkins and three others – Canadian siblings Lindsey and Danielle Petersen and Dutch national Dylan Snel – to three days in jail from the time of arrest, 9 June, which means they have already served their time.

They were also fined 5,000 Malaysian ringgit (£860) each and are expected to be deported on Friday night. Hawkins left the court in tears as she was told she was free to go after paying the fine.

The judge, Dean Wayne Daly, said: "This court accepted the plea of guilty as mitigation." He also noted the remorse of the tourists, and accepted that although Hawkins was arrested at an airport "there was nothing to show Eleanor was absconding the law".

Hawkins's defence lawyer, Ronny Cham, said: "This is a happy ending to the whole episode." He said he expected all four tourists to be deported after they had paid the fines.

Arriving handcuffed at court, the four defendants had to battle through a throng of reporters to enter the building. They pleaded guilty to committing obscene acts in a public place and agreed to apologise to the Malaysian people, after the stunt prompted an angry

reaction in Sabah, where the mountain is regarded as sacred.

The judge decided against imposing the maximum sentence of three months in prison after the lawyer for the four said they were ignorant of local laws and customs and were sorry for what they had done.

Diplomats from the UK, the Netherlands and Canada were in court for the hearing. The Foreign Office refused to discuss the verdict, but a spokesman said: "We remain in contact with Ms Hawkins and her family following this morning's court appearance, and will continue to provide consular assistance."

Officials and tribal elders suggested the disrespectful act was linked to an earthquake that killed 18 people days later.

Hawkins praised the diplomats in Malaysia. "They have done a fabulous job, they've been really helpful, really useful. And our local MP Maggie Throup has been very good as well."

The charge, read out in court, was that at 6.45am on 30 May in the vicinity of Mount Kinabalu they carried out "obscene acts in a public place under 294 [a] of the penal code". They were also accused of "excessive noise and ignoring the advice [of their guide]". All four avoided trial by pleading guilty.

The public prosecutor had called for a "sentence to deter others". He said their behaviour caused "annoyance to many Malaysians" and urged the judge to "take into account public sentiment" in the sentence.

Cham pleaded for leniency: "Your honour, they were ignorant of the culture, tradition and belief of the local people ... including the people of Sabah and Malaysia ... This is a group of a young generation ... who have more freedom and liberty to express

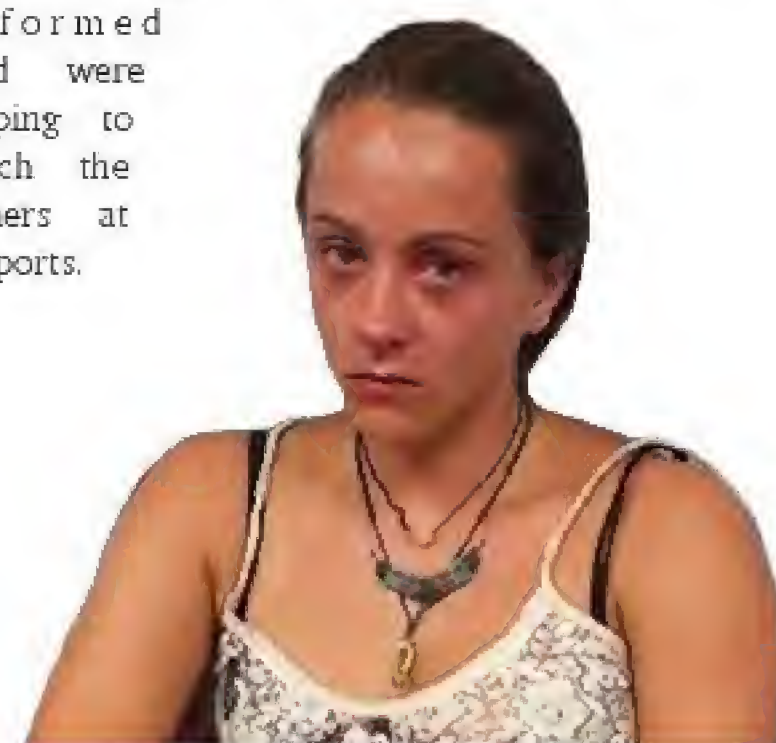
their thoughts and ideas."

Cham said the four stripped as they were "challenging one another to stand the cold of the mountain, to stand the temperature, which was near zero degrees". He said they had suffered "shame, ridicule and humiliation to themselves, their parents and possibly even their country ... They have paid a heavy price ... lost personal integrity and self esteem."

Police in Malaysia are looking for six other foreigners who appeared in the nude photographs and were wanted for public indecency. "We think they are still in Sabah," the officer revealed on condition of anonymity. "There is a possibility they have already left the country."

He said Hawkins and her fellow detainees did not identify the others who were with them: "They said they didn't know their full names, only nicknames." Another

said border guards had been informed and were hoping to catch the others at airports.







# Spain's King STRIPS TITLE of duchess from his sister

**SPAIN'S** King Felipe VI has stripped the title of duchess from his sister, the palace said, heaping pressure on Cristina de Borbon to give up her succession rights as she prepares to stand trial on tax fraud charges.

The bold move by the 47-year-old king, crowned nearly a year ago after the abdication of his father Juan Carlos, is part of a bid to revive the image of a monarchy tarnished by scandals.

Cristina is due to stand trial as soon as this year and will be the first Spanish royal to face prosecution. Graft investigations in Spain have exposed high-level corruption throughout society, damaging Spaniards' faith in their

institutions.

The title of Duchess of Palma de Mallorca was conferred on Cristina by her father on her marriage in 1997 to former Olympic handball player Inaki Urdangarin, who has been charged with fraud and embezzling public funds following a long-running investigation into his Noos Foundation charity.

Late last year, the couple as well as 15 others were ordered to stand trial following the probe. No date has yet been set, although the case is expected to come to court in the second half of this year. Both have denied any wrong-doing.

## Twitter is removing the 140-CHARACTER LIMIT in Direct Messages

**TWITTER** will lift the 140-character limit on direct messages beginning next month, the social media platform announced.

While regular tweets will still be capped off at 140 characters, direct messages will now have a maximum count of 10,000 characters. Twitter's product manager for direct messages, Sachin Agarwal, made the announcement in a post notifying developers to update their apps and services to accommodate the new limit.

The news came on the same day that Twitter CEO Dick Costolo unexpectedly resigned; reportedly after investors became frustrated at the lack of user growth on the site. Twitter has around 300 million active users, while rival Facebook has more than 1.3 billion. The company's co-founder Jack Dorsey will fill the role until a replacement is named.







# New World Trade Center tower will HONOR THE OLD and THE NEW

A NEW glass giant – Danish architectural firm Bjarke Ingels Group have revealed the grand designs for the new 1340 feet Two World Trade Center building that will overlook the 9/11 Memorial Park in New York City. The building will be completed in 2020 and replaces a previous 709-storey design by London firm Foster + Partners.

The 80-storey stacked boxes will be design will be located at 200 Greenwich Street, and aims to combine the corporate qualities of the Financial District with the historical characteristics of the Tribeca neighborhood. Bjarke Ingels, head of BIG, said: "The tower in manyways is the gateway between Tribeca and Downtown. Somehow I think the tower tries to incorporate that duality of being a citizen or a building in both neighborhoods.

The side that overlooks Tribeca and the rest of the Eastside of Downtown is the more abstract, avant-garde, creative building where you see it's basically a vertical village of city blocks", says Ingels. "What justifies, adjusts and aligns all of the diversity that you see on the North and the East suddenly becomes orderly and straight-laced towards the memorial, so in a way it's a kind of respect and understated building.

Ingels was also inspired to create a relationship between One World Trade Center and this new building, in a similar style to the original Twin Towers. "One of the things that was quite powerful about the Twin Towers was that they were two big silhouettes on the Manhattan skyline that had a relationship to each other. In their case they were twinning, they were identical."

The building interiors are designed to appeal to various businesses and organizations. "We wanted to create almost like a series of different buildings but different kinds of spaces, different floor plans", says Ingels. The 1340 feet structure has also been designed to allow for outdoor terraces and stunning views of New York City.





**MANCHESTER** United have announced that Memphis Depay has completed his transfer from PSV Eindhoven. The Netherlands international joins United on a four-year contract with the option to extend for a further year and becomes the club's first signing of the summer.

Depay described the move as 'a dream' and revealed he cannot wait to work with compatriot Louis van Gaal once again.

"This is a dream come true for me; to play for the biggest club in the world and also to have the chance to work with someone who I believe is the best manager in the world, Louis van Gaal," Depay said.

"I have great belief in my ability and I work hard to strive to achieve my dreams. I have been at PSV Eindhoven since I was 12 years old and I would like to thank them for everything.

"It was a great moment when we won the league and I was so happy to be part of that. This is now a new chapter in my life and one that I am looking forward to."

Van Gaal cited Depay's versatility as a strength and backed the 21-year-old to become an Old Trafford great.

"I know Memphis well from our time working together in the Netherlands national team," he said. "He is a young versatile player who has the ability to play in a number of different positions.

"It will take time for Memphis to get used to the rhythm of the Premier League, but I have no doubt that he has the potential to become a great footballer for this club and he is at the right club to continue the good work he has done so far."

Depay made 124 senior appearances and scored 50 times for PSV Eindhoven after coming through the club's youth system, making his first-team debut in September 2011.

He was the Eredivisie's top scorer this season with 22 goals in 30 games and was one of three players shortlisted for the Young Player Award at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil.

# Manchester United have COMPLETED the SIGNING of Memphis Depay



## Rafael Nadal sets up semi-final with Gael Monfils

at Stuttgart Open after defeating  
Bernard Tomic



**RAFAEL** Nadal stayed on course for his second ATP title of the year after defeating Bernard Tomic in the quarter-finals of the Stuttgart Open.

Nadal has slipped to 10th in the rankings, his lowest position in over a decade, but he continued his promising start to the grass court season with a battling 6-4 6-7 6-3 wins over Tomic.

In closely contested match, Nadal snatched the opening set, but the top

seed was edged out by the 22-year-old in the second set tie-break.

Faced with a Tomic fight back, Nadal started the third set in typically aggressive fashion and took the breaks he needed before closing out victory with a fizzing forehand across court.

Nadal, who picked up his solitary title in Buenos Aires, said: "I'm very happy, Bernard is a great player. He is playing great again this season, improving a lot

every season. "It's a great victory for me. It was a good match, I played better than yesterday and I'm very happy to be in the semi-finals in Stuttgart."

He will next face Gael Monfils, who fired down 17 aces in a 7-5 3-6 6-3 quarter-final victory over Philipp Kohlschreiber.

Monfils, seeded fourth and a former runner-up at the Weissenhof club when the event was played on clay, reached

the final four on the new grass surface as the tournament made a total date and surface change to become part of the lead-up to Wimbledon.

Monfils took 44 minutes to claim the opening set before his opponent leveled in the second.

He claimed an early break of serve in the third and sealed victory in just less than two hours on court in sweltering temperatures of 30 degrees.





## Lewis Hamilton could **BREAK** Michael Schumacher's **TITLE** **RECORD,**

says Nigel Mansell

**LEWIS** Hamilton could break Michael Schumacher's record of seven F1 World Championships, according to Nigel Mansell. Hamilton is currently a two-time champion and already leads this year's championship by 17 points from Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg. Still only 30 years of age, Hamilton recently signed a three-year contract extension with Mercedes, the new dominant force in F1 and the team he joined in 2012 as Schumacher's replacement.

"Everybody knows I am a Lewis fan and he is doing an outstanding job," Mansell told Sky Sports News HQ. "Mercedes are the best of the best by far. With the backing of the Mercedes he can maybe

go on to challenge Michael's record. There is a long, long way to go but it is possible because Mercedes will want to be the best of the best for a long time." Famed for his own hard-charging style, Mansell has found a kindred spirit in Hamilton. But the former world champion admits it is increasingly difficult to recognize the current state of F1 from the perspective of his bygone era.

"Some of the current rules need tweaking – DRS is a false overtaking aid because it doesn't give the driver to slipstream and to play a chess game to plan where to pass someone," said the former Williams driver. "Although

Pirelli have done the job they've been asked to do, the tires should go back to the old tire size where they were very large and robust with plenty of grip. If a driver wants to deliver the car into the corner and brake really late and try to get sideward, he then has the ability to do so with bigger tires and more grip. 'There has got to be a rethink of certain things and a little bit of magic. KERS is a very good situation because it can be managed by the drivers on a lap-by-lap basis for either attack or defense, but take some of the driver aids away and let the drivers drive and race the cars like they used to.

'The drivers are not being given an opportunity to express how great

they are as a race-car driver because there are too many aids and too many engineers telling them how to balance the car. The great thing about years gone by is that they had to balance the car themselves."

A raft of new proposals for the future of F1 were recently put forward by the sport's Strategy Group, including a return to refueling during races along with wider tires and increased engine noise for 2017. According to the FIA, the sport's governing body, the proposals would make the cars "five to six seconds faster" as F1 bids to recapture the 'wow factor' after becoming, in the opinion of Ferrari, «too complex».